

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

Senate Joint Resolution

No. 15

Introduced by Senator Hancock

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Skinner)

(Coauthors: Senators Beall, Block, Calderon, DeSaulnier, Galgiani, Hernandez, Leno, Lieu, Liu, Monning, Pavley, Wolk, and Wright)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ammiano, Fong, Fox, Gonzalez, Hall, Medina, V. Manuel Pérez, and Wieckowski)

August 12, 2013

Senate Joint Resolution No. 15—Relative to the Postal Service Protection Act of 2013.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 15, as amended, Hancock. Postal Service Protection Act of 2013.

This measure would urge the United States Congress to pass *legislation that reflects the value and intent set forth in the Postal Service Protection Act of 2013, as introduced*, in order to ensure the modernization and preservation of the United States Postal Service.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 ~~would~~
2 *is intended to* sustain the United States Postal Service and avert
3 unnecessary closures that hurt communities; and
4 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service's financial issues
5 are due to unnecessary requirements and regulations imposed on
6 it. The Postal Service Protection Act of ~~2013 would~~ 2013, *as*
7 *introduced, is intended to* remove burdensome regulations, so the
8 United States Postal Service can manage its budget more

1 effectively and be more competitive with other delivery service
2 providers; and

3 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of ~~2013~~ would
4 *2013, as introduced, is intended to* prohibit cuts to Saturday
5 delivery, thus reducing the need for customers to seek other
6 delivery options; and

7 WHEREAS, Cuts to Saturday delivery would disproportionately
8 impact rural communities, small businesses, and senior citizens;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of ~~2013~~ would
11 *2013, as introduced, is intended to* allow the United States Postal
12 Service to look for innovative new ways to generate revenue by
13 allowing them to provide additional services, including notarizing
14 documents, issuing hunting and fishing licenses, and allowing
15 shipments of wine and beer; and

16 WHEREAS, *California produces 90 percent of all wine in the*
17 *United States and beer producers had a 34 billion dollar economic*
18 *impact on the state in 2012, and the Postal Service Protection Act*
19 *of 2013, as introduced, and the United States Postal Service*
20 *Shipping Equity Act, as introduced, are intended to support*
21 *economic growth of an important California industry; and*

22 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of ~~2013~~ would
23 *2013, as introduced, is intended to* establish a commission of
24 successful business innovators and representatives to explore other
25 ways the United States Postal Service could generate new revenue
26 and thrive in the 21st century; and

27 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of ~~2013~~ would
28 *2013, as introduced, is intended to* reinstate overnight delivery
29 standards to speed mail delivery and prevent shutdowns of mail
30 sorting centers; and

31 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of ~~2013~~ would
32 *2013, as introduced, is intended to* provide additional oversight
33 and transparency to the United States Postal Service's plan to close,
34 relocate, or sell 3,270 post offices, including historic buildings in
35 the Cities of Berkeley, Burlingame, Fullerton, Glendale,
36 Huntington Beach, La Jolla, Palo Alto, Redlands, Santa Barbara,
37 Santa Monica, South Gate, Ukiah, and Venice; and

38 WHEREAS, *Historic post offices slated for closure, relocation,*
39 *or sale are currently listed on the National Register of Historic*
40 *Places, have historic preservation covenants, or have memoranda*

1 *of understanding with local and state historic preservation*
2 *organizations; and*

3 *WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would*
4 *2013, as introduced, is intended to protect rural and historic post*
5 *offices by putting in place a fair and open process before the United*
6 *States Postal Service could sell or consolidate invaluable property*
7 *assets; now, therefore, be it and*

8 *WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013, as*
9 *introduced, repeals the mandate, not required of any other public*
10 *or private entity in the United States, to prefund future retiree*
11 *health benefits; and*

12 *WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013, as*
13 *introduced, represents a critical step on the behalf of over 40,000*
14 *California active and retired letter carriers, 24 percent of whom*
15 *are veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the United States*
16 *Postal Service being the single largest employer of veterans in the*
17 *nation outside of the United States Department of Defense; now,*
18 *therefore, be it*

19 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
20 *California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the United States*
21 *Congress to pass legislation that reflects the values and intentions*
22 *outlined in this resolution and contained in the February 13, 2013,*
23 *introduced version of the Postal Service Protection Act of 2013,*
24 *Senate Bill 316, sponsored by Senator Bernard Sanders, and House*
25 *Bill 630, sponsored by Representative Peter DeFazio, and the April*
26 *24, 2013, version of House Resolution 1718, sponsored by*
27 *Representative Jackie Speier, that would ensure the modernization*
28 *and preservation of the United States Postal Service; and be it*
29 *further*

30 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
31 *this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United*
32 *States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the*
33 *Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative*
34 *from California in the Congress of the United States, to the United*
35 *States Postmaster General, and to the author for appropriate*
36 *distribution.*

O